

**Yakima River / Hanford Reach
Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports**

Lower Yakima River Spring Chinook Fishery: May 18-25, 2015

8,173 spring chinook (7,867 adults, 306 jacks) have passed the Prosser Diversion through May 21. Hatchery chinook have comprised about 30% of the return to date. Yakima River flows averaged 2,226cfs this past week.

The number of anglers fishing for salmon in the lower Yakima River dropped off a bit this past week. WDFW staff interviewed 34 anglers fishing for salmon during the past week (May 18-24). No chinook were reported. An estimated 52 adult chinook (23 hatchery & 29 wild) have been caught in the fishery through May 24. The fishery in the lower Yakima River will remain open through June 15.

The catch and effort for anglers fishing for smallmouth bass and channel catfish in the lower Yakima River picked up this past week. Staff interviewed 116 anglers that reported 111 smallmouth bass and 38 channel catfish caught.

